

COUNTY PROFILE

Stearns Co.

Stearns Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7W, which is located in the Central Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

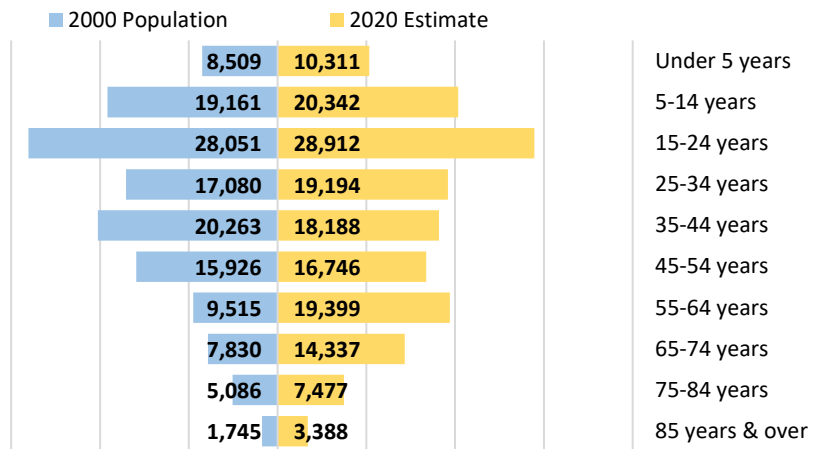
Stearns Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 21st fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 8th largest in the state. Stearns Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	158,292 people	Median Age:	35.2 years
Population change, 2010-2020	7,650 people 5.1% increase	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	10,311	6.5%
5-14 years	20,342	12.9%
15-24 years	28,912	18.3%
25-34 years	19,194	12.1%
35-44 years	18,188	11.5%
45-54 years	16,746	10.6%
55-64 years	19,399	12.3%
65-74 years	14,337	9.1%
75-84 years	7,477	4.7%
85 years & over	3,388	2.1%
Total Population	158,292	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020



Stearns Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Stearns Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Stearns Co.	10,433	9,140	18,346	9,206	1,333	5,028	-3,695
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

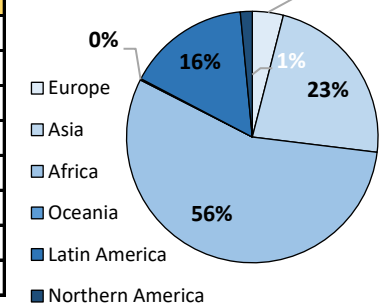
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Stearns Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Stearns Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Stearns Co.		Change 2010-2019		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	10,739	6.8%	4,929	84.8%	8.5%	28.9%
Europe	428	4.0%	-66	-13.4%	9.9%	4.5%
Asia	2,465	23.0%	355	16.8%	37.5%	30.3%
Africa	5,967	55.6%	4,717	377.4%	25.5%	72.0%
Oceania	19	0.2%	18	1800.0%	0.5%	37.2%
Americas:	1,860	17.3%	-95	-4.9%	26.6%	10.0%
Latin America	1,696	15.8%	-138	-7.5%	24.1%	12.2%
Northern America	164	1.5%	43	35.5%	2.5%	-7.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 4% 2019



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Stearns Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

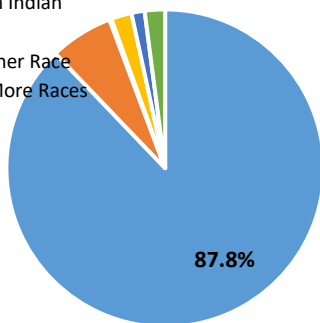


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Stearns Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	158,452	100.0%	19.0%	100.0%	13.1%
White	139,188	87.8%	8.9%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	10,217	6.4%	820.5%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	330	0.2%	-5.7%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	3,315	2.1%	54.3%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	2,119	1.3%	235.3%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	3,283	2.1%	200.4%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	5,342	3.4%	192.4%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

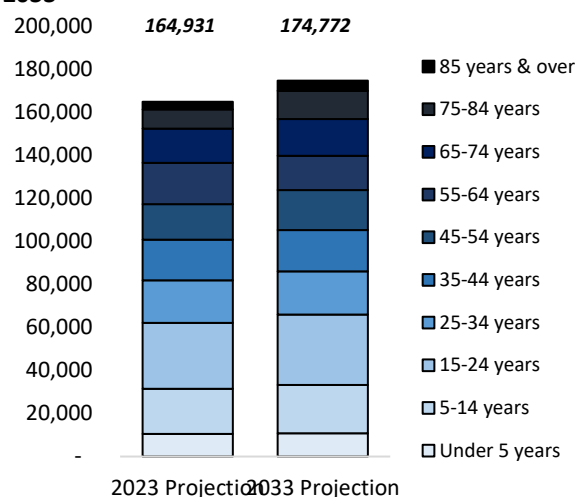
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Stearns Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033

Stearns Co.	2023 Projection	2033 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	10,437	10,862	425	4.1%
5-14 years	21,072	22,341	1,269	6.0%
15-24 years	30,599	32,729	2,130	7.0%
25-34 years	19,779	20,199	420	2.1%
35-44 years	18,859	19,124	265	1.4%
45-54 years	16,652	18,656	2,004	12.0%
55-64 years	19,157	15,855	-3,302	-17.2%
65-74 years	15,913	17,193	1,280	8.0%
75-84 years	8,824	13,047	4,223	47.9%
85 years & over	3,639	4,766	1,127	31.0%
Total Population	164,931	174,772	9,841	6.0%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Stearns Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Stearns Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

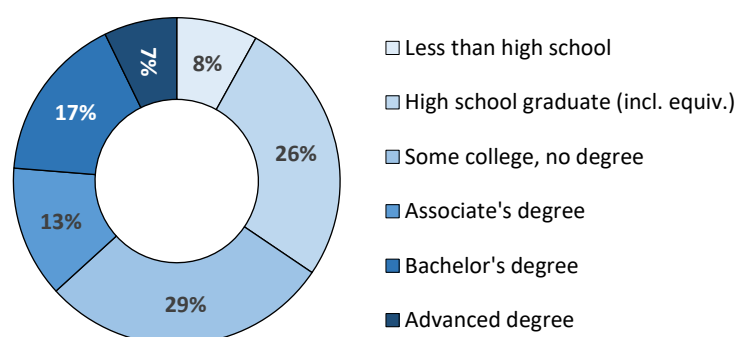
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

92.0%

College-educated: **65.5%**
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **13.0%**
Bachelor's Degree: **16.5%**
Advanced Degree: **7.2%**

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.3%, Stearns Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Stearns Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.2% in 2019, but was lower than the 7.2% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Stearns Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.

91,574 available workers

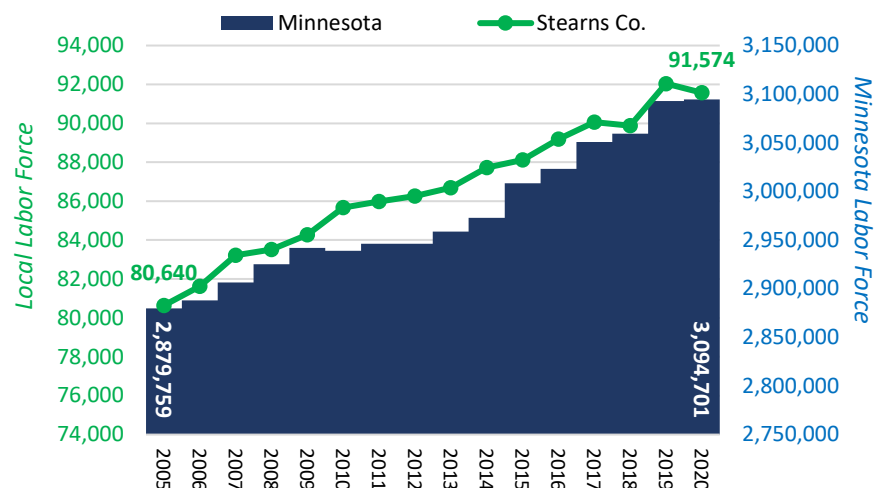
Labor Force change,
2005-2020 **10,934 workers**
13.6% increase

5.3% unemployment rate

6.2% state

4,853 unemployed workers

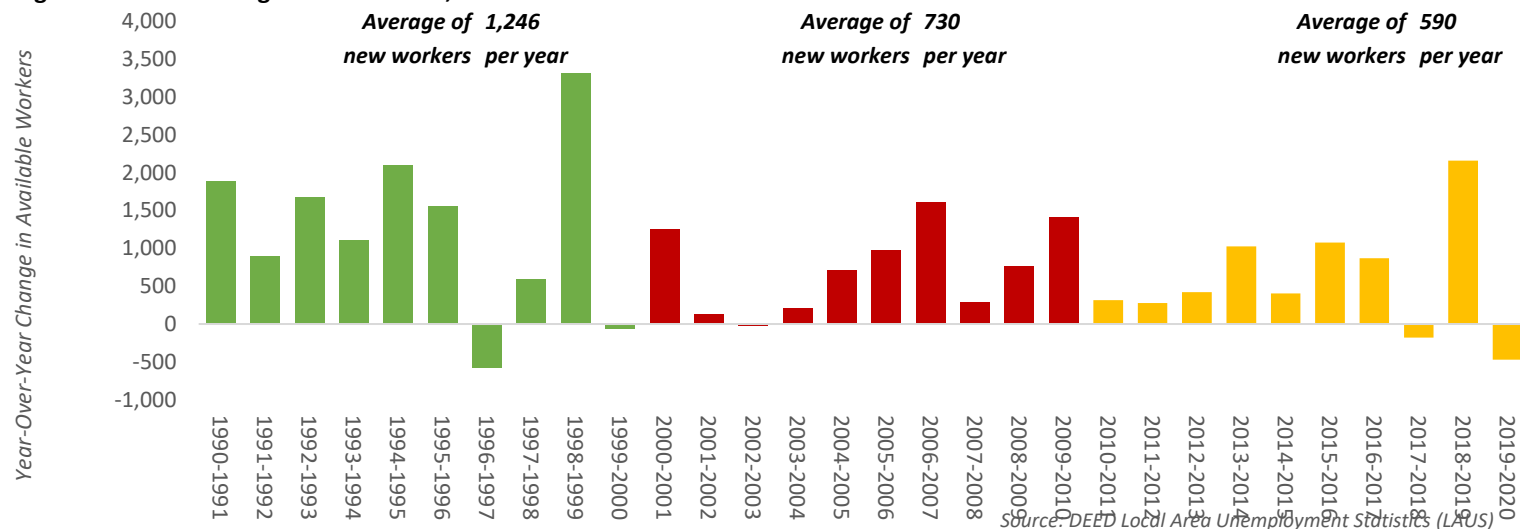
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 1246.4 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Stearns Co. averaged an annual gain of 729.9 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 590 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Stearns Co. is expected to add workers from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020



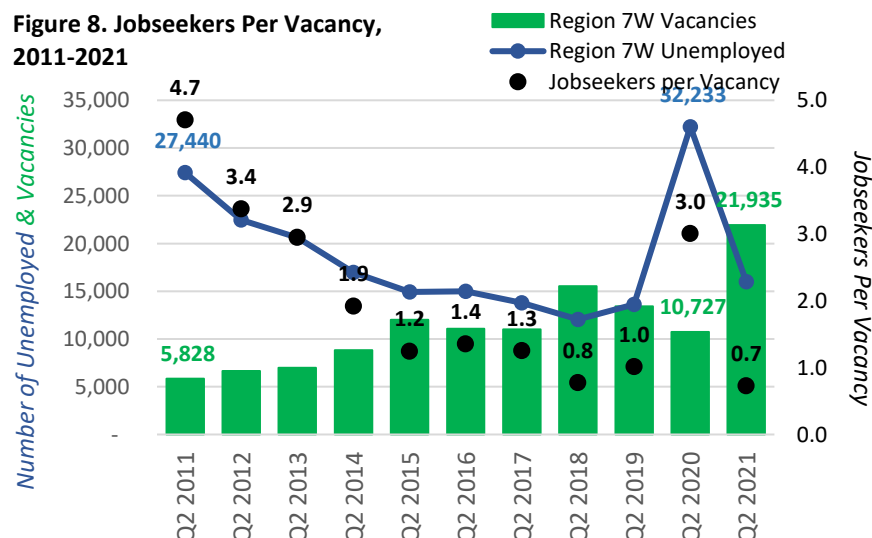
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2023-2033	Labor Force Projection	
	2023	2033
16 to 24 years	21,774	23,289
25 to 54 years	49,923	52,346
55 to 64 years	14,332	11,862
65 years & over	5,179	5,887
Total Labor Force	91,209	93,385

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Central reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

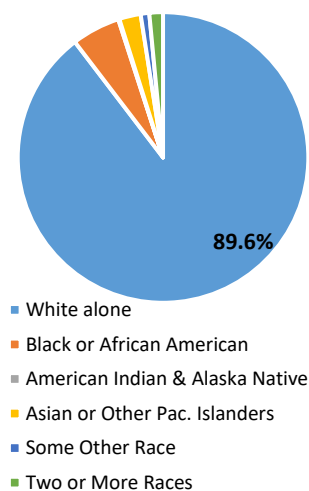
Stearns Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Stearns Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2019

	Stearns Co.			Minnesota		Stearns Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	90,500	71.9%	4.5%	69.7%	3.6%	47,372	43,083
16 to 19 years	6,984	62.5%	13.0%	53.2%	11.0%	3,431	3,558
20 to 24 years	14,704	87.8%	6.2%	84.6%	6.0%	7,248	7,454
25 to 44 years	33,628	90.4%	3.9%	88.8%	3.2%	18,125	15,504
45 to 54 years	16,573	90.0%	2.6%	87.6%	2.7%	8,499	8,069
55 to 64 years	14,405	74.8%	3.0%	73.0%	2.8%	7,773	6,633
65 to 74 years	3,472	27.3%	1.6%	27.9%	2.2%	1,912	1,556
75 years & over	695	6.7%	1.9%	6.6%	2.4%	384	309
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	81,093	71.6%	3.3%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	4,873	75.7%	20.0%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	110	40.7%	2.7%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	2,166	78.0%	12.5%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	865	72.0%	3.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	1,371	71.3%	5.8%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	2,545	76.1%	5.7%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability							
With Any Disability	4,596	56.9%	11.3%	53.0%	8.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment							
Population, 25 to 64 years	64,604	86.3%	3.3%	84.5%	3.0%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	3,449	72.3%	4.0%	66.3%	4.2%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,845	80.8%	2.2%	78.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	26,411	88.8%	3.5%	85.3%	3.0%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19,886	90.5%	1.7%	90.0%	1.7%		

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

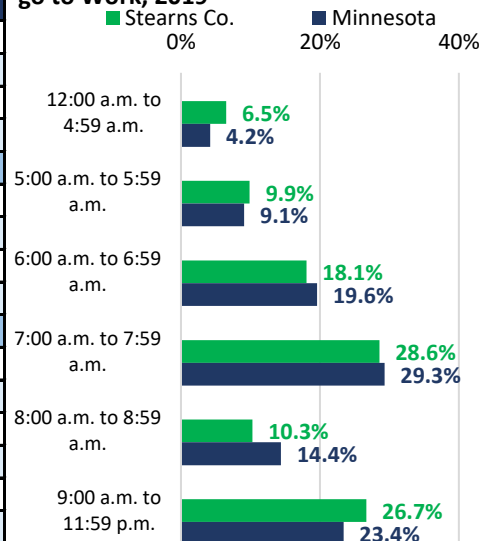
Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2019



A larger percentage of workers in Stearns Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Stearns Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Stearns Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	83,906	99.5%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	67,968	80.6%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	15,938	18.9%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	422	0.5%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	73,787	87.5%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,265	1.5%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	4,807	5.7%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	4,469	5.3%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	18,974	22.5%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	31,201	37.0%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	15,179	18.0%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	10,541	12.5%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	3,289	3.9%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	5,228	6.2%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.1 minutes		23.7 minutes	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2019



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

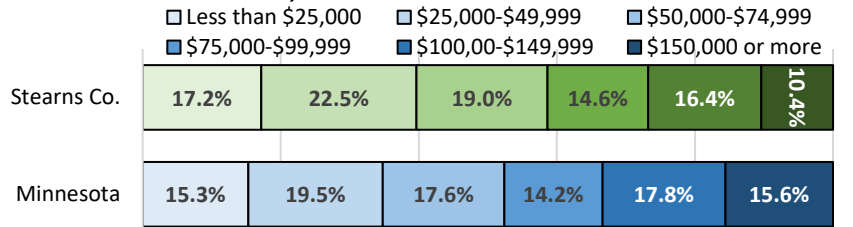
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Stearns Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Stearns Co. had the 25th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$62,789
state	\$71,306
Median Family Income	\$78,651
state	\$89,842
Per Capita Income	\$30,994
state	\$37,625

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2019



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Stearns Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.28 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.61 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Stearns Co.	\$29,712	\$14.28	\$0	\$348	\$163	\$659	\$697	\$276	\$333
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Stearns Co.	\$48,701	\$15.61	\$307	\$794	\$519	\$815	\$809	\$440	\$374
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

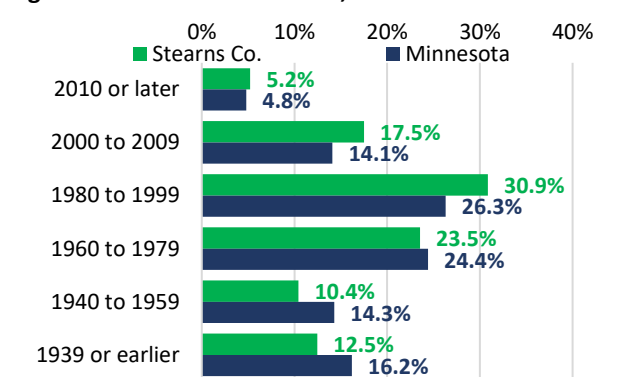
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Stearns Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 25th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Stearns Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2019	Stearns Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	40,493	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,178	2.9%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3,049	7.5%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8,448	20.9%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,133	25.0%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	9,360	23.1%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	6,238	15.4%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	2,087	5.2%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$184,900		\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

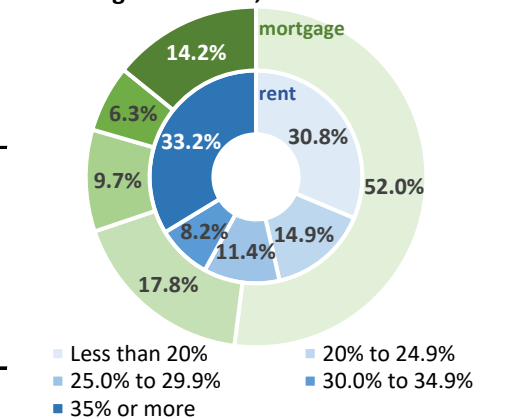
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,401
state	\$1,580
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	20.5%
state	21.8%
Median monthly rent costs	\$833
state	\$977
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	41.4%
state	45.1%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2019



OCCUPATIONS

At \$20.83 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.36) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$13.12) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021

Occupational Group	Region 7W				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$20.83	185,220	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%
Management	\$46.36	9,100	4.9%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.26	7,710	4.2%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.01	3,160	1.7%	0.5	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.16	2,710	1.5%	0.7	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.98	1,040	0.6%	0.6	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$26.75	2,900	1.6%	0.8	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$30.48	520	0.3%	0.4	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.36	16,090	8.7%	1.5	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.62	1,720	0.9%	0.7	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.76	12,100	6.5%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.18	9,020	4.9%	0.8	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$26.75	2,890	1.6%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$13.12	10,230	5.5%	0.8	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.45	5,200	2.8%	1.0	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$14.31	3,170	1.7%	0.9	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$16.25	18,580	10.0%	1.1	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.02	22,330	12.1%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$15.76	220	0.1%	0.8	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$28.57	9,880	5.3%	1.4	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.99	8,060	4.4%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.55	18,560	10.0%	1.3	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.59	20,020	10.8%	1.4	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

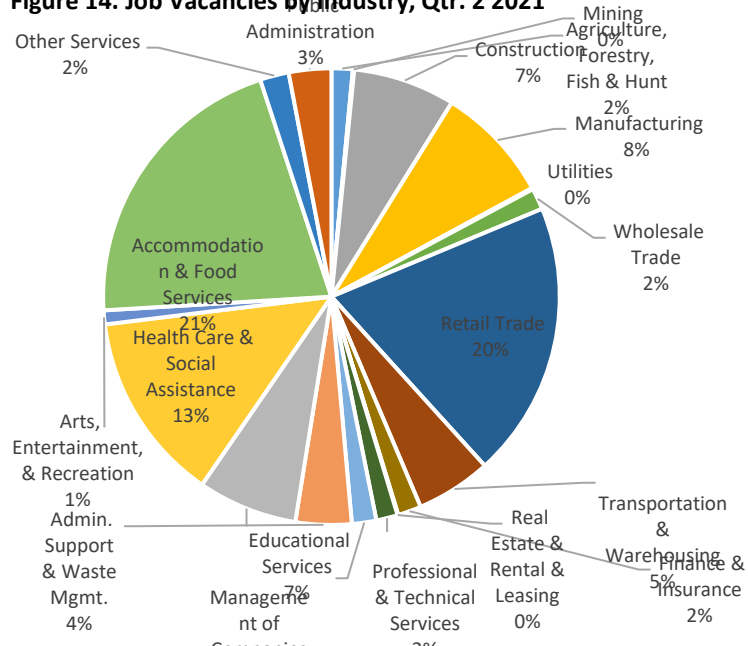
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Stearns Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 21935 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	21,935	\$15.28
Management	615	\$31.84
Business & Financial Operations	405	\$28.56
Computer & Mathematical	224	\$30.23
Architecture & Engineering	181	\$23.97
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$23.76
Community & Social Service	447	\$23.09
Education, Training & Library	1,099	\$24.26
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,262	\$24.50
Healthcare Support	1,383	\$14.12
Protective Service	376	\$12.45
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,052	\$12.85
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	987	\$13.96
Personal Care & Service	580	\$13.11
Sales & Related	2,604	\$13.57
Office & Administrative Support	985	\$14.65
Construction & Extraction	1,254	\$19.56
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	490	\$17.00
Production	1,781	\$16.42
Transportation & Material Moving	2,573	\$15.16

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 2 2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Occupations in Demand, 2020

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$25,980	Nursing Assistants \$36,175	Registered Nurses \$78,415	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School \$62,221
Stockers and Order Fillers \$27,733	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$47,350	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$65,809	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$39,233
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$28,221	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$51,474	Computer Network Support Specialists \$54,280	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,343
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$43,970	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$42,011	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$36,467	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$57,151
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers \$31,096	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$39,680	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and \$56,225	Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$31,496	Wind Turbine Service Technicians \$56,100	Calibration Technologists and Technicians and Engineering \$53,005	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School \$59,497
Customer Service Representatives \$34,939	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$55,980	Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers \$59,812	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$57,529
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$30,837	Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$81,041	Agricultural and Food Science Technicians \$40,599	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists \$68,696
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$49,049	Electricians \$73,929	Surgical Technologists \$60,373	Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary \$105,721
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$34,736	Computer User Support Specialists \$52,188	Medical Equipment Repairers \$60,561	Psychiatrists NA

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

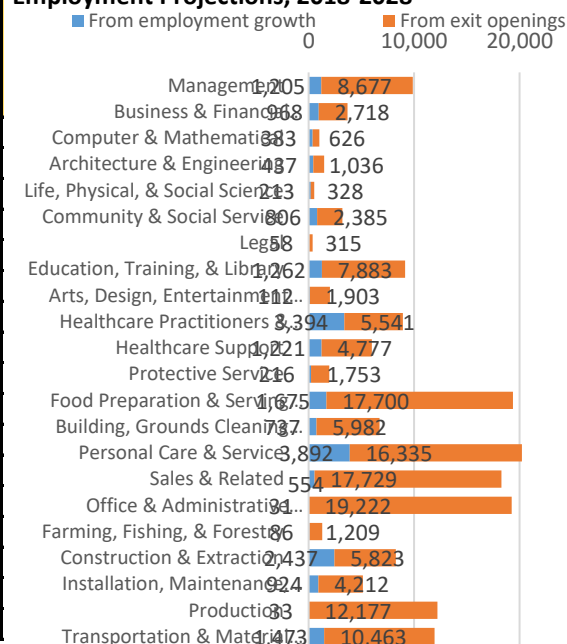
Stearns Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 8.6% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
Total, All Industries	314,696	336,813	7.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,869	4,980	2.3%
Utilities	2,106	1,945	-7.6%
Construction	17,781	20,888	17.5%
Manufacturing	42,475	43,364	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	10,432	10,166	-2.5%
Retail Trade	36,792	36,879	0.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,426	10,989	5.4%
Information	2,725	2,780	2.0%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,418	10,010	6.3%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	8,528	9,861	15.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	10,078	11,151	10.6%
Educational Services	25,782	27,179	5.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	48,428	58,891	21.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	27,067	28,521	5.4%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	11,392	11,429	0.3%
Public Administration	19,239	19,961	3.8%

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Stearns Co. had the 8th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Stearns Co. was the 62nd fastest growing in the past year and the 38th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Stearns Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

4,391 business establishments

\$52,630 annual average wage

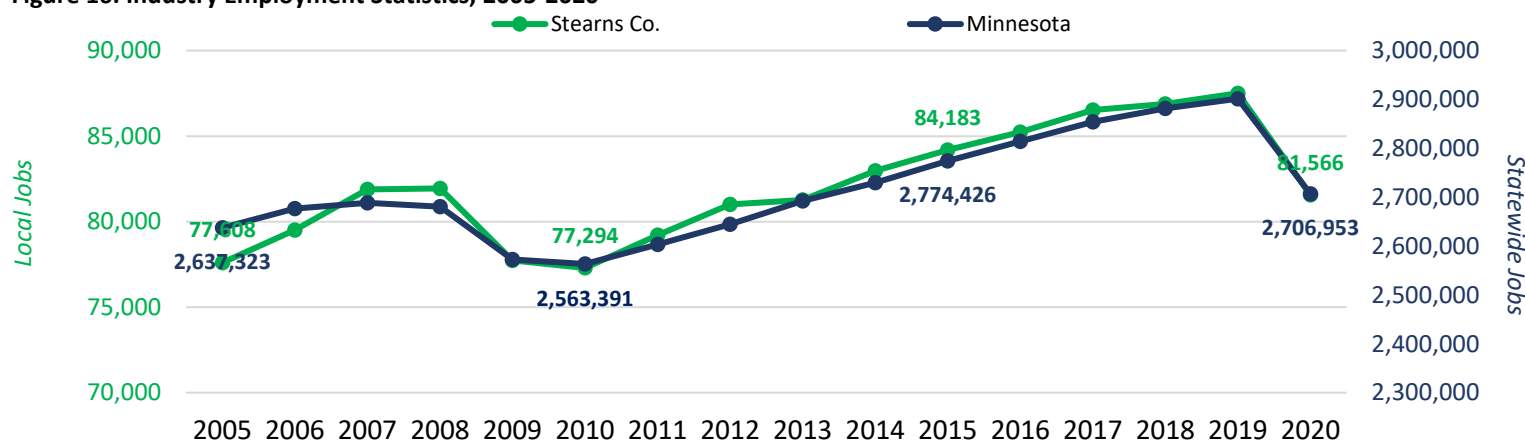
81,566 jobs

\$4,292,779,076 total industry payroll

Job change,
2015-2020

-2,617 jobs
-3.1% decline

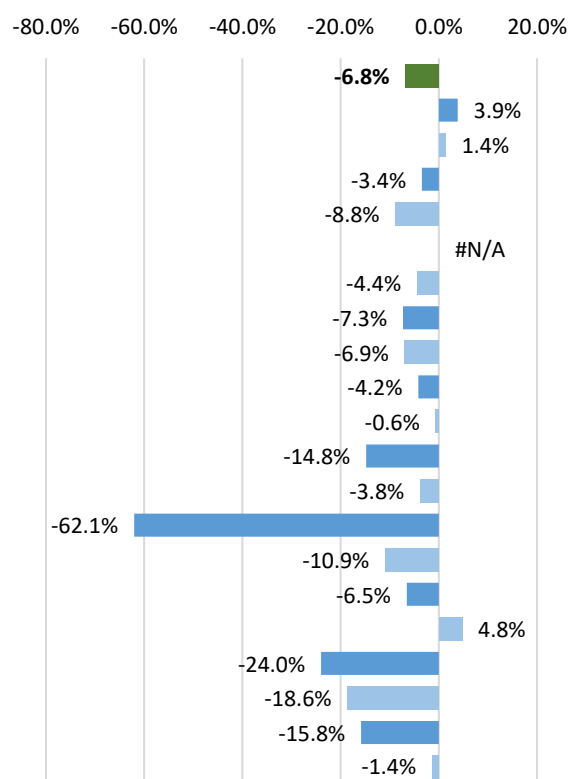
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Stearns Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2020	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	81,566	100.0%	\$52,630
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	1,019	1.2%	\$38,381
Mining	145	0.2%	\$72,294
Construction	4,623	5.7%	\$75,004
Manufacturing	10,845	13.3%	\$55,655
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	3,140	3.8%	\$61,955
Retail Trade	10,875	13.3%	\$33,475
Transportation & Warehousing	3,302	4.0%	\$56,283
Information	1,421	1.7%	\$66,302
Finance & Insurance	3,677	4.5%	\$73,598
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	813	1.0%	\$34,743
Professional & Technical Services	2,270	2.8%	\$71,084
Management of Companies	743	0.9%	\$88,825
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	3,538	4.3%	\$33,616
Educational Services	6,877	8.4%	\$54,224
Health Care & Social Assistance	17,158	21.0%	\$61,528
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	665	0.8%	\$15,379
Accommodation & Food Services	5,046	6.2%	\$16,961
Other Services	2,408	3.0%	\$33,664
Public Administration	2,811	3.4%	\$65,148

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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